



## Rattus norvegicus

### Brown rat

#### General

1. Weighing up to 500g; 39cm long
2. Contributed to the extinction of hundreds of species globally
3. Occurs in agricultural areas, coastland, natural forests, planted forests, range/grasslands, riparian zones, ruderal/ disturbed areas, scrub/shrublands, urban areas, wetlands

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Believed to have originated in Northeast China
2. Habitats
  - Widespread generalists, though a preference has been shown for wetlands



<http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=159&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Unintentional dispersal on sea freight
2. Natural dispersal on land or by water (capable of swimming 1km comfortably)

#### Sources

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